

his former owner's library of literary works, and from the money thus obtained the family was able to give a funeral in keeping with his social standing in the community.

In 1873 Mr. Lane was elected and consecrated bishop of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and for thirty-six years has been in the official service of the church as a "Chief Pastor." He has remarkable gifts as an organizer, and as a preacher is "logical, eloquent, and powerful."

In 1881, realizing the great need of better prepared preachers for his people, Bishop Lane began the work of establishing an educational institution in Jackson, Tenn., that is to-day known as Lane College. For more than twenty-seven years he has given much time, energy, and money to the work of this institution, of which his son, Prof. James Franklin Lane, is now president. The college maintains not only a theological course for the training of young men for the ministry, but employs fourteen teachers, has property valued at \$72,500, and is one of the most influential schools among the Negroes of the South, evidencing the desire upon the part of the Negro people to help themselves along educational lines.

Bishop Lane is a man of wide influence among his people as a teacher, preacher, and leader.

Greatest Needs of the Negro Race **Bishop Isaac Lane, LL.D.**

THE needs of the Negro race are essentially the same as those of other races.

Because of his history, previous condition, and past training, we can safely assert that the Negro especially needs an education that will develop his productive power, elevate his ideals, strengthen his moral character, and enlarge his mental vision. Furthermore, he needs such training as will lead him to discover his own strength and power, encourage on his part self-assertion and independence of action and thought.

The summary, as given above, of the needs of our people makes it very apparent that all kinds of education — industrial, academic, professional, collegiate, moral, technical — are needed. In fact, the Negro needs and wants every kind of training enjoyed by other people that develops greater capacity for accomplishing good and enhances his usefulness and efficiency as a citizen and laborer.

Lastly, he must have the respect and confidence of his neighbors, the white people. This he should seek, not by cringing, but by his own moral worth and attainments, his own usefulness as a citizen and a man.

As an indispensable aid in the attainment of moral worth, and as an inspiration to citizenship and true manhood, the study of the Word is to be most heartily commended, and there is no greater need of the Negro than that he shall pattern his life by the life of the Man of Galilee.



Bishop Elias Cottrell, D.D. **Colored M. E. Church**

Residence: Holly Springs, Miss.

BISHOP COTTRELL was born in Marshall County, Mississippi, January 31, 1853.

He acquired the rudiments of education by reading scraps of paper and worn-out books thrown away by white children. He frequently borrowed books of others who were more able to buy them than he. He studied until late at night by the light made from fuel carried two miles during the day on his shoulder. Except the instruction given by his father, he had no one to assist him in obtaining an education. In his youthful poverty he split rails, cut cord wood, and picked cotton, to get means to educate himself.

He connected himself with the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in 1875, and was licensed to preach. He spent several years in teaching public school. He acquired his Biblical training at Central Tennessee College, Nashville.

He has served as educational commissioner and book agent of his church. Also as delegate and fraternal messenger to the General Conferences of other churches. In 1894 he was elected bishop. Since that time he has given his whole time to matters pertaining to the church and the general uplift of his people. He is the founder of several church institutions and has brought harmony out of chaos. Among these institutions is the Mississippi Industrial College, Holly Springs, Miss., over which he exercises entire supervision.

Bishop and Mrs. Cottrell have one child. Their home is valued at \$10,000, and the bishop is also assessed for about \$10,000 worth of additional property.